Detection of Connective Tissue Growth Factor (CTGF) in Formalin-Fixed, Paraffin-Embedded Rat Tissue

Reagent and Antibody Information

1X Wash Buffer
3% Hydrogen Peroxide
1% BSA Diluent
Trypsin
Normal Rabbit IgG – Affinity Purified
DAB Chromogen
Hematoxylin

Blocking Serum: Normal Donkey Serum
Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc.
West Grove, PA 19390
www.jacksonimmuno.com
1-800-367-5296
Catalog # 017-000-011

Avidin / Biotin Blocking Kit Vector Laboratories, Inc. Burlingame, CA 94010 www.vectorlabs.com 1-800-227-6666 Catalog # SP-2001

Primary Antibody: Rabbit Polyclonal to CTGF (Connective Tissue Growth Factor) Antibody

Abcam, Inc Cambridge, MA 02139 www.abcam.com 1-888-772-2226 Catalog # ab5097

<u>Secondary Antibody: Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Biotin-SP-Conjugated</u> Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories, Inc.

West Grove, PA 19390 www.jacksonimmuno.com 1-800-367-5296 Catalog # 711-065-152

Label Complex: R.T.U. Vectastain Elite ABC Reagent

Vector Laboratories, Inc. Burlingame, CA 94010 www.vectorlabs.com 1-800-227-6666 Catalog # PK-7100

Staining Procedure

Positive Control Tissue: Lung Stain Localization: Cytoplasmic

1. Deparaffinize and hydrate slides through the following solutions:

| Solution | Repetitions | Time |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Xylene | 2 times | 5 minutes |
| 100% Ethanol | 2 times | 3 minutes |
| 95% Ethanol | 2 times | 3 minutes |
| 1X Wash Buffer | 2 times | 5 minutes |

- 2. Quench endogenous peroxidase by placing the slides in 3% hydrogen peroxide for 15 minutes.
- 3. Rinse slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each.
- 4. <u>Proteolytic-Induced Epitope Retrieval Using Trypsin</u>
 Incubate the slides in a 0.1% trypsin solution in a water bath at 37°C for 20 minutes.
 (DO NOT add the trypsin to the 0.05M Tris-HCl CaCl₂ solution until 5 minutes prior to incubation. Trypsin looses 75% of its reactivity within 30 minutes at 37°C.)
 Rinse the slides in distilled water for 1 minute to stop the enzymatic digestion.

| 9. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each. |
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| 10. Apply the donkey anti-rabbit secondary antibody at a 1:1000 dilution. Incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature. |
| Lot # Date Reconstituted |
| 11. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each. |
| 12. Apply the Vectastain R.T.U. Elite Label and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature. Exp. Date New Kit: yes / no |
| 13. Rinse the slides in 2 changes of 1X wash buffer for 5 minutes each time. |
| 14. Apply the DAB chromogen. Incubate in the dark for 6 minutes at room temperature. (Add 1 drop of DAB per ml of substrate) |
| Lot # Exp. Date New Kit: yes / no |
| 15. Rinse the slides in tap water 3 minutes. |
| 16. Counterstain with hematoxylin for 20 seconds. |
| 17. Rinse the slides in tap water until water is clear. |

19. Dehydrate through the following solutions:

| Solutions | Repetitions | Time |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 95% Ethanol | 1 time | 3 minutes |
| 100% Ethanol | 3 times | 3 minutes |
| Xylene | 2 times | 5 minutes |

18. Gently agitate slides in 1X wash buffer until the tissues turn blue.

20. Coverslip

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